

**REMARKS**

The present Office Action states that an election of species is required based on the Examiner's identification of the following allegedly distinct species:

Species I: Claims reading on the embodiment of Figures 1-15.

Species II: Claims reading on the embodiment of Figures 16-20.

The Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute the claims associated with Figures 1-15. Applicant respectfully notes that the Examiner indicates "claim 1 is generic," but claims 37-71 are pending in this application. Applicant submits that where Figures 16-20 are directed to the species of a pallet including crossbars, all of the pending claims except claims 46 and 50 are generic to species with or without crossbars. The Applicant also submits that the claims that read on the embodiment disclosed in Figures 1-15 are claims 37-45, 47-49 and 51-71.

Should anything further be desirable in order to place the claims in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this Response; however, if it is determined that fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response, or otherwise in the course of prosecution of this application, please charge the fees to Hunton & Williams Deposit Account No. 50-0206, Order No. 69758.000002.

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